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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

To those who enjoyed the thrill of a Rooseveltian message the message of President Taft is a disappointment. It does not ring loud, but it does ring true. It is in keeping with his quiet and persistent manner; and it leaves no doubt as to what he stands for, but carries full assurance of his resolute purpose.

The most important issue, he says, is a more economical administration of the government, and he calls attention to the fact that the adoption of new methods will make a saving of over fifty millions, and that a surplus is assured for the fiscal year ending in June, 1941.

He shows that the postoffice department's embarrassment is caused by the carrying of second class mail matter at a loss of eight cents a pound, which annually totals a loss of \$63,000,000; and he very properly advocates an increase of rates there.

He also calls upon congress to honor the platform promise of the republican party by enacting a law to prevent the issuance of injunctions without notice unless it must be done to prevent immediate and irreparable injury, and that such injunctions shall not remain in force more than a week, unless an order for extension has been obtained from the court.

In behalf of the public he also asks for reform in court methods to prevent the delays and heavy costs upon litigants and to remove what he regards as a primary cause for lynchings and mob violence in different parts of the country, and he favors postal savings banks with a rate of interest so low that they will not attract deposits from other banks, demoralizing conservative banking and producing financial disaster.

The message is short, and worthy the attention of every intelligent reader. The Bulletin prints it in full; and it is so divided and attractively headed up that it may be read in sections at one's leisure.

## THE MACADAM ROAD.

The roads which first bore the name of Macadam were simply built so deep with heavy and light stone, and so solidly that they would stand the wear and tear of travel for a century—no heavy trucking or automobile speeding could knock them out.

The macadam of today is a coat of another color. It is just as near like the original macadam as the artificial alligator skin boots and valises, etc., are like the real thing. The alligator would not be able to recognize them as the hides of his departed tribal comrades. And these near—not very near—macadam roads are not heavy enough for 1939 touring cars, which are simply heavy road locomotives built to beat the cars, and the road commissioners of the states at the front in good road building are now looking for new road binders—for metal which with a light foundation and good drainage will meet the requirements of this high speeding something no roads were ever subjected to until this age; and the Newark News says that "Commissioner Glickson of New Jersey believes he has found a new road surface which is destined to completely supplant crushed stone. He has been experimenting ever since he has been in office, and he now has eighty-five miles of road built of the new material, with specifications drawn for thirteen more. Some of these roads have been down for more than a year; have been subjected to summer heat, to winter's cold and to all kinds of heavy carting, light riding and automobile speeding. They have stood all these tests well and are not likely to need repairs for several years to come.

The new material is crushed stone, with an asphalt binder, the best proportion of asphalt being the subject of many experiments and tests of endurance. The state road law was changed last winter to allow counties to build roads of the new combination with state aid. The cost of such roads is from \$1.15 to \$1.50 a square yard, as against \$1.90 to \$2.50 for the best macadam, and it is not only durable, but durable.

Commissioner MacDonald of this state says: "The large increase in automobile traffic which is so trying on the roads has compelled the adoption of more solid roadways, that is, the foundation must be deeper and the surface laid with better material and so constructed as to stand the traffic of this new element, the automobile. But as a general principle, I have adhered to the macadam system, which, when properly constructed, is, in my opinion, the best yet devised for rural highways. The civilized world has come to recognize the fact that as to the possibility of changing this method, I have been thinking that it might be beneficial, and on this point I am not quite convinced, to dress the whole material going into a new road, from the bottom up, with tar. It might have the effect of a better knitting together of the stone and tar dressing. But the idea that oiling the surface would improve the situation is illusory. I tried oil on roads in this state before its present advocates knew anything about it, and I found it a poor palliative, with no permanent worth. I tried it on the Wallingford road, for instance, and my experience there and in other sections of the state did not justify me in spending more of the state's money in the experiment."

The press is not inclined to hound the commissioner for the ruin wrought by automobiles. The Bridgeport Standard, commenting upon Mr. MacDonald's recent replies to his questioners, says:

"Commissioner MacDonald meets all the issues squarely and dodges none. While there may be an honest difference of opinion as to the facts stated, particularly those with reference to the comparative value of Connecticut state roads and those of other states, certainly the commissioner should be in position to know best what is right and his categorical answers are before the citizens of the state for examination, further criticism or refutation. His critics feel inclined and able to continue the discussion. The commissioner makes a good statement, has decided conviction

and the courage of them, and may well call for proof when dereliction of duty is laid at his door." This is a fair way of looking at the matter, and it will impress the people as being as just as it is deserved on the part of the commissioner.

## NO LOAFING ON THE JOB.

Those who are crying loudest about the inefficiency of the state highway commissioner are the expectants who were anticipating immediate appointment as assistants under him because the legislature empowered him to increase his force of assistants and engineers. The legislature adjourned months ago and they have not yet connected with the state treasury; and he does not mean that they shall connect until such time as their services will be equal to the amount of money they draw from the state. Mr. MacDonald explains this most satisfactorily for the taxpayers, if it is not considered satisfactory by those in interest. He says, with reference to these authorized and legalized appointments:

"I have not made those appointments, simply because my first concern is the interest and duty I owe the state. Like the regular features, the money for the payment of those men did not come to me until October, and they would be of no use to the state until spring opens. All they would have to do during the winter months is to draw their salaries. Oh, I realize that I require help as well as my critics do, but I contend that no efficiency, inefficiency, even, and, this I say with due modesty, no neglect of duty, no loafing on the job can be laid at my door and sustained by proof."

The commissioner realizes his own responsibility and as the master of the situation he regards the interests of the state and his own standing of more importance to him than the desires or demands of persons whose self-interest is often their only recommendation.

HOW IT AFFECTS THE MESSAGE President Taft's message has been in the newspaper offices and the hands of correspondents two or three days. This forehandedness enables newspapers to put the message in type comfortably and gives the editors opportunity to read it carefully and prepare intelligent summary and comment. We think we notice a disposition here and there to betray the confidence. No one tells right out what the president is going to say, or reveals the recommendations he is going to make. But there is a good deal of indirect discussion of the matters involved, so that when the message appears some of the points will have been thrashed out in advance, and the president will seem to be dealing in second-hand goods. The information can be found elsewhere, as in some of the department reports, so that it cannot certainly be charged that actual violation of the president's confidence has taken place. But the suggestion of special interest in the subjects discussed probably comes from a reading of the message, which contains several matters of great interest.—Waterbury American.

It is surprising how close some newspapermen can come to violating the confidence reposed in them and still stand technically free of the charge. It is akin to genius for a man to truthfully foreshadow the contents of a presidential message without quoting it or making use of language which may be traced directly to its pages. It has been noticeable that the discussion of the leading questions for several days past must have given the readers of some papers the impression that "great minds run in the same channel."

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

Out west they are of the opinion that the Lord loves a cheerful liver as well as a cheerful giver. It is now put forth that in order to see the brightest people of a town Christmas shopping should be done early. Happy thought for today: The man who can laugh heartily several times every day is pretty free from migraines. The only way to properly hunt deer is to stalk them. To go after them in an auto is not much better than trapping them. At Chicago balls, nothing stronger than ginger pop is allowed to be sold on the premises after one o'clock in the morning. In a Wisconsin town buttermilk was used to put out a fire that threatened the whole town. This is a new use for lactic fluid bacteria.

There is little danger of a war between the United States and Nicaragua, for it is not large enough to make a respectable target. The conclusion has been reached that the patience of this country with the muss-making Latin republics has been worn about threadbare. President Taft admits that he cannot do it all in one message, and that special messages will be convenient in the future as in the past.

New Jersey has decided that it will build no more macadam or telford roads. The high-speed automobile traffic has made them no good. Prices of goods are going up in this country and in all countries, so there we are. Every man's wallet is the focal point in all languages. Two pages and a third of The Bulletin today contain a short presidential message from Abraham Lincoln's models would fit in five to the column.

The young Chicago girls who were willing to have the church debt kissed away at fifty cents a kiss will not be permitted to humor the church patrons. A Boston man expresses the hope that the strike of the New York shirtwaist makers will continue till the blamed things cease to button on the back. The United States fish commission last year distributed over three billion fish and eggs, which ought to tell for the good luck of the fishermen later on.

The Nicaraguans may not like Uncle Sam, and may find pleasure in plotting upon his dead subjects; but when he makes them dance they will feel different.

The Boston Transcript says: The Methodist clergyman in Vermont who celebrated his hundredth birthday yesterday by preaching a sermon seems bound to have the last word. Still,

## THE BULLETIN'S DAILY STORY

### HER REASONS

"What's the dope you got there?" queried Miss Maloney, peering into her companion's plate. Miss Melbourne, who had just finished her lunch, smiled and replied, "Turkey hash," she replied. "It's great, believe me."

Miss Maloney leaned back in her chair with an air of mingled annoyance and resignation. "I might have known it," she said. "I've just about made up my mind that they ain't ever going to be anything but turkey in one shape or another for me in this world."

"What allis you?" asked Miss Melbourne, in considerable surprise. "Well," said Miss Maloney, "I was out in the country over Thanksgiving. One of my cousins asked me to come out and eat dinner with her. She said in the afternoon we'd ride around and visit with the other relatives that live in the neighborhood and then I could come back and sleep at her house."

"When I told Ma Jones, the lady that keeps the boardin' house, that I wasn't goin' to be there, she was awful cross. She said she'd been countin' on me to keep things goin' at her table on Thanksgiving day. There's an awful jolly crowd at her boardin' house, and Ma Jones just loves to see the boarders have a good time. She says to me, 'Now, Miss Maloney, you bein' the only one that ain't comin' to eat turkey, you goin' to queer the whole thing if you go, and ditch us.'"

"Well, I was real sorry, so I says, 'Why can't you have your Thanksgiving day dinner the night before?' I ain't goin' till Thanksgiving day mornin' and we could have our turkey dinner here the night before and dance in the parlor and have a pile of fun."

"Ma Jones was game. She put it up to the other boarders and they was all tickled to death. So that was the way she fixed it for us."

"Sure enough, Ma Jones had a swell dinner and we all et plenty, but she wound up with some good strong turkey pie, so by midnight we was all wide awake and havin' the time of our lives. 'My chum, who rooms with me, had to throw me out of bed next mornin'."

his record has been beaten. The late Colonel Perkins of Norwich, Conn., when a hundred and one climbed three flights of stairs and delivered a spirited extempore address before a convention in that city.

The fact that another date has been set for the end of the world should not interfere with business.

When we view President Taft's message it looks as if his predecessors

and pour a pitcher of ice water on me before I could remember who I was even. I didn't have time to eat any of Ma Jones' breakfast but just rushed for the train as hard as I could.

One of the lady met me at the train and when we got to my cousin's house they was just puttin' dinner on the table. Well, say, I bet the turkey weighed twenty-five pounds. Honest, it took up half the table, and all the rest of the space was filled with vegetables and bread and biscuits and jelly and pickles and one thing and another, and there was enough for a whole army.

"I had a funny feelin' when I looked at that turkey—kind of lonesome and disappointed and like him and me had met somewhere before, but anyway I pitched in and done fairly well considerin' the way I'd stuffed the day before. Cousin Julia was worried about my appetite, though, and kep' urgin' me to eat more. I was afraid of hurtin' her feelin's, so I et till I began to feel like I'd swallowed a cannonball by mistake."

"After dinner we washed up the dishes and then Cousin Julia said, 'Pa's the only one that ain't comin' to eat turkey, so we better be startin' for Uncle Jake's.'"

"When we got to Uncle Jake's the first thing we heard was one of the kids hollerin' 'We ben waitin' for you folks to come and eat Thanksgiving dinner with us. We're goin' to have Thanksgiving dinner for supper here. Gee, but we're a hungry bunch!'"

"Well, I'm livin' to tell about it, and that's about all I can say. After dinner they took us out to see the turkeys that hadn't been killed, and honest to goodness, I felt like a cannibal."

Miss Maloney sighed deeply. "I bet you won't believe me," she said, after a moment, "but Ma Jones had saved me the turkey that we left the night before Thanksgiving, and I had to sit right down and eat that when I got home in the night. I don't want to say Miss Melbourne took the last bite of her hash and then breathed a sigh of content. 'It was a pity you couldn't have spread them dinners out a little,' she said."

Miss Maloney laid her hand convulsively on her friend's arm. "Say, come out of this," she hissed. "There's a fellow comin' that's got two helpin's of turkey hash on his plate. He's aimin' for this table and I'll die if I have to sit here and watch him eat it!"—Chicago News.

used so many epigrammatic sentences that it is difficult to make any new ones.

King Manuel of Portugal is good-looking enough to make a mash of English princesses.

It is not at all likely that the Sugar trust has been trying to help the government to prosecute the cases against it successfully. It relies on money still for hindering things.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

### Idea.

Mr. Editor: Ideas, like driftwood, always come floating in after a storm. As you walk along the shore of the "great pond," it is both interesting and instructive to view and study the stream wreckage. So it is with ideas; they also are interesting and instructive. It is a grand thing to have an idea. A person having several of them is not very dangerous; that is, provided they are the right kind.

Since Senator Aldrich started the storm on the financial question ideas appear to have sprung up like mushrooms in the night. Not many days since I received a letter from a gentleman, and he is not a "hayseed," whatever he may have been in his younger days, while writing his "wild out."

This gentleman, it appears, has caught an "idea," he has one, anyway, however he came in possession of it. And, would you believe it, this idea is in relation to the "money question." He seems to have gotten into "the right church," but "the wrong pew." But let that pass, as long as he is in the church, he will be under cover. No doubt but he will find the right pew, only give him time. He appears to have heard of an "elastic currency," which he enthusiastically believes in, or thinks he does. And of what material do you think he proposes to make this "elastic currency"? Why, "rubber," of course. He calls this a "new variety."

He doesn't even insinuate which is "new," the "elasticity" or the material. One thing about it, this idea is new, he says it is now in an "embryonic" state, and he fears it has enemies.

This gentleman seems to be ecstatically soaring up to dizzy heights over his new discovery, but I pity the poor fellow, for when the gas oozes out of the "rubber" balloon, he may "light" hard, I want to say kindly and sympathetically to the gentleman, that his "confidence" was misplaced, when he asks me to "join issues" with him.

His fatal mistake was in not asking the Rhode Island senator, instead of an old-time dealer in "charcoal," for the senator is well versed in the "outs and ins" of an "elastic currency," having been in the "house of lords" for perhaps more proper to say senator), for 28 years. That is, he has been there long enough to know most of the outs and ins of a "rubber currency," in fact, but simply to use it as a base, a security for note issues, owing to its great intrinsic value. No one will dispute its value (?) or rather its cost, that ever had occasion to purchase a pair of what is called rubber (?) boots, as I am informed that a pair of such boots contains only about a teaspoonful of the Congo State fluid. The remainder is composed of—well, say, shoddy. But then, one should not complain, for when we part with one of the five-dollar note issues for a pair of these boots, if we have enough confidence aboard, we know we have our money's worth. Valuable goods

are done up in small packages, sometimes, and sometimes not. For illustration, take our silver dollar. A great many people, no doubt, think that when they get one of these dollars they have got a dollar of value, but when dissected, lo, and behold, it contains but about 40 cents of value, which might be called a 40-cent dollar. This may be one phase of an elastic currency. For further information I would refer the gentleman to the Rhode Island senator, who, no doubt, can give him the details and intricacies of an elastic currency system. J. C. VALLETTE, North Franklin, Conn.

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